Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I am not able to give any answer.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know why the undetected crimes in 1107 rose to such a figure as 96?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I cannot give an off hand answer. I must study the cases before I can give an answer.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—From the face of it is it not a very large number?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I do not think so.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— Have all these gone into the block register?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—If they are found undetectable; but it is quite possible that the Police may detect them after that. But for the time being they are taken as undetectable.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Are we to take it that investigation is still going on with regard to these?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It is closed more or less.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What exactly is the reason for the Government's inability to detect the other cases?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—A number of cases could not be detected. In every country it is so. If you also compare the number of detected cases then there will be a good average.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can we compare ourselves favourably with other countries?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Most favourably.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—May I know the names of officers who are conducting the cases?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice. Generally in murder cases the superior officers go to the spot.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— Has the Hon'ble Member himself gone in any case ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes; in most of the cases.

Finger Print clerk in the Police Department.

171. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) is the attention of the Government drawn to an article in the 'Gomathi' dated 25th Kanni 1111, about unnecessary waste of money in the Police Department about sending a clerk for Finger Print training;

(b) is it a fact that Head constable T. R. Krishna Ayyar was deprived of the pay of finger print work which he was getting from the last quarter of 1110, and it was given to another clerk from Chingam 1111;

(c) is it a fact that the Commissioner of Police has appointed another man as Finger Print clerk before attaining the required qualifications for this work, and he is allowed to draw the pay of the post while this technical work is turned on by the above Krishna Ayyar;

(d) was Mr. C. T. N. Menon, the former F. P. clerk appointed before completing the training or after that;

(e) is it a fact that Head constable T. R. Krishna Ayyar was threatened that he would be transferred to Head constable's work; if so, for what;

(f) how many times has T. R. Krishna Ayyar acted as F. P. clerk on the whole till now and of these, how many times since the present Commissioner took charge; what is his service now;

(g) is it a fact that C. T. Narayana Menon is compelled to go on leave of any kind against his will and who is appointed in his place;

(h) is it a fact that in 1101 and 1102 in the leave arrangement of Finger Print clerk the previous claims of the Head constable Krishna Ayyar were denied and in 1103 the very same Commissioner of Police promoted him to act as Finger Print clerk for the whole of last quarter of 1103?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

(d) After completing his training.

(e) He was told that he would be transferred to the field for putting in frivolous petitions.

(f) On the whole, he has officiated nine times. Of these, 5 times are after the present Commissioner took charge. He has put in 18 years' service.

(g) Yes; clerk P. Ramanatha Menon.

(h) Yes.

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